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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Psychological Services Staff
Office of Medical Services

A "well done" to you for your recent talks to the families of prisoners of war and missing in action. Obviously the content was most useful to them and the manner of presentation effective. I particularly appreciate your not involving the Agency in your attribution. I am delighted to hear of an incident in which the expertise developed within the Agency is made available to such an important group as these families.

Ta/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : DOD Filming of Talk by Agency Employee

25X1	As requested, this is a background report of the filming 10 July by the Department of Defense of the talk on prisoners of war given by of the Psychological Services Staff, Office of Medical Services. (This was mentioned in our last weekly report).	
25X1	1. has been working for several years in Agency	
	activities concerning risk of capture, prisoners of war, hostile interrogation and related matters. He has also on numerous occasions addressed personnel from other Federal agencies on these matters. In June he was requested by the Director of the DOD Prisoner of War-Missing in Action Task Force (Brigadier General Russell G. Ogan, USAF) to address a committee from the League of Families of Prisoners of War and Missing in Southeast Asia. This League is the largest recognized group of wives and parents of prisoners that is relating to DOD, and is presently considering the problems of rehabilitation and readjustment that will be faced upon the return of these prisoners.  addressed this committee of some 20 women on 24 June at the Families Services Building of the Anacostia Annex of the Bolling Air Force Base. His talk was unclassified and discussed the means prisoners use to adapt to prison life and some implications of this adaptation for return to family life after long imprisonment. All of this, of course, was toward helping the families to a better understanding of the behavior of their men upon return.	25X1
	asked to meet on the following day (Sunday) with the five-years	25X1
	executive committee of the League. This he did for four hours, and out of this meeting developed the formal request to the DOD	
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	POW/MIA families.	
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3. DOD accepted the League's request and was invited by the Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (Roger E. Shields, PhD) to film the talk. This was done on 10 July at The Pentagon with Dr. Shields himself providing the introduction to the film. The film was done in color, runs 35 minutes, and has not yet	25X <sup>2</sup>
been titled.	25X1
The film will soon be shown at various military bases by the services when they go out to have their periodic meetings with the families of prisoners.  has requested a copy of the film for the Agency and expects to receive this within the next several weeks.	25X
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